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local ham does good. A California radio amateur played a part in an international effort to rescue a US sailor attempting to single-handedly circumnavigate the globe. Miguel "Mike" Morales, KC6CYK, of Riverside, told ARRL he was able to contact fellow radio amateurs in Chile to obtain and relay reassuring information to the family of Ken Barnes, whose 44-foot ketch Piva-
teer was foundering off South America. A Chilean trawler, Polar Pesca 1, rescued Barnes from his disabled vessel on January 5. Upon learning of Barnes's predicament on January 2, Morales said he contacted the sailor's fiance, Cathy Chambers.

"She mentioned that the satellite telephone was dying on him over there, so their communication was 30 to 60 seconds at a time," Morales recounted. "I was lucky enough, I got in touch with some of the Charlie Echo [CE-prefix] stations until I got to someone in Punta Arenas, and then Polar Pesca, the vessel that did the rescue." Morales speaks fluent Spanish and has visited Chile and knew "the way things operate down there." As a result, he says, he was able to obtain credible reports via his 10-meter contacts as to what was happening.

Morales said he was able to gather information via his Chilean ham radio contacts from the Polar Pesca 1. He relayed information about Barnes's location and when he was going to be rescued. Morales said he felt it was important for the family to know Barnes's situation and how the rescue plans were playing out. Barnes, who's 47, left Long Beach, California, late last October, hoping to be the first person to sail around the world from the West Coast. A severe storm dismasted, badly damaged the vessel and soaked his supplies.

The Chilean Navy dispatched one of the CP3 Orion aircraft Chile uses to patrol its 200-mile-offshore territorial claim. The plane spotted the foundering vessel, photographed it and even attempted to drop a life raft that missed its mark. The Chilean Navy coordinated the operation and recruited the Polar Pesca 1 to undertake the actual rescue, although Morales says the US Coast Guard agreed to cover the expense. At that point he was able to pass along news to the family that the trawler was en route to Barnes's location.

'The main thing is, Ken Barnes is back, is alive," Morales said. "What I did was on behalf of the US ham radio community, I believe. That's what you're there for." Barnes is scheduled to return home to California this week, and Morales will be among those on hand to welcome him.

From: Dariusz Milka <dariusz@milka.pl>

To: <secretary@scdxc.org>

Welcome and I invite to the just started service - **after 4 years** of the work:
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This is the service containing the complete information on **all 337 DXCC Entities**, besides contains over 3000 pictures and beyond 1100 maps.

I wish enjoyments and the satisfaction in using placed here information.
73 Darek SP6NVK

SUMMARY OF MY LAST YEAR ON THE COMPUTER AN E-MAIL FOWARD

I must send my thanks to whoever sent an e mail to me; the one about rat poop in the glue on envelopes because I now have to use a wet towel with every envelope that needs sealing. Also, now I have to scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason.

I no longer have any savings because I gave it to a sick girl (Penny Brown) who is about to die in the hospital for the 1,387,258th time. I no longer have any money at all, but that will change once I receive the \$15,000 that Bill Gates/Microsoft and AOL are sending me for participating in their special e-mail program. I no longer worry about my soul because I have 363,214 angels looking out for me, and St. Theresa's novena has granted my every wish.

I no longer eat KFC because their chickens are actually horrible mutant freaks with no eyes or feathers. I no longer use cancer-causing deodorants even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day.

Thanks to you, I have learned that my prayers only get answered if I forward an email to seven of my friends and make a wish within five minutes.

Because of your concern I no longer drink Coca Cola because it can remove toilet stains.

I no longer can buy gasoline without taking a man along to watch the car so a serial killer won't crawl in my back seat when I'm pumping gas.

I no longer drink Pepsi or Dr. Pepper since the people who make these products are atheists who refuse to put "Under God" on their cans.

I no longer use Saran wrap in the microwave because it causes cancer. And thanks for letting me know I can't boil a cup water in the microwave anymore because it will blow up in my face...disfiguring me for life.

I no longer check the coin return on pay phones because I could be pricked with a needle infected with AIDS.

I no longer go to shopping malls because someone will drug me with a perfume sample and rob me. I no longer receive packages from UPS or Fed-Ex since they are actually Al Qaeda in disguise.

I no longer shop at Target since they are French and don't support our American troops or the Salvation Army.

I no longer answer the phone because someone will ask me to dial a number for which I will get a phone bill with calls to Jamaica, Uganda, Singapore and Uzbekistan.

I no longer have any sneakers -- but that will change once I receive my free replacement pair from Nike.

I no longer buy expensive cookies from Neiman Marcus since I now have their recipe.

Thanks to you, I can't use anyone's toilet but mine because a big brown African spider is lurking under the seat to cause me instant death when it bites my butt.

Thank you too for all the endless advice Andy Rooney has given us.. I can live a better life now because he's told us how to fix everything.

And thanks to your great advice, I can't ever pick up \$5.00 I dropped in the parking lot because it probably was placed there by a sex molester waiting underneath my car to grab my leg.

Oh, and don't forget this one either! I can no longer drive my car because I can't buy gas from certain gas companies!

If you don't send this e-mail to at least 144,000 people in the next 70 minutes, a large dove with diarrhea will land on your head at 5:00 PM this afternoon and the fleas from 12 camels will infest your back, causing you to grow a hairy hump. I know this will occur because it actually happened to a friend of my next door neighbor's ex-mother-in-law's second husband's cousin's beautician...

Have a wonderful day....

P.S. A South American scientist from Argentina , after a lengthy study, has discovered that people with insufficient brain and sexual activity read their e-mail with their hand on the mouse.

Don't bother taking it off now, it's too late.

Don't you just love e mail





It is a simple fact that the Southern California DX Club is one of the most respected and active special interest amateur radio organizations in the country. Its membership includes many distinguished DXers and, of course, its hosting of the International DX Convention, aka Visalia, in the even numbered years make it both a visible Club and a positive contributor to DX activities in general. Because of all this, and because I have so much respect for the membership of the Club, I am both grateful and honored to be your President for 2007.

I am also grateful for the superb Board you have elected to serve with me: Sharon, K6IRD, is off to an enthusiastic start and will be a great VP for the Club. Doc, WA6OGO, continues as "Treasurer in Perpetuity". Steve, W6NRQ continues as Secretary and Editor supreme of our newsletter. Howard, W6EGZ, is stepping up from Board Member at Large to take over the reins of the Membership position from Larry, K6YUI. Dave, W6AQ is continuing as a Board Member at Large, and he will be joined this year by Mel, K6SY. Finally, and VERY importantly, Bob, W6ZPL, our Past President, will be there to help me stay out of trouble. With these folks at the helm with me, my own job should be a pleasure.

The SCDXC has become a pretty well-oiled machine which has been on a steady and successful course for a long time. I have no intention of mucking around with success, but I also do not take past glories for granted. To keep the Club running at its peak is a great responsibility and one I take very seriously. I also know that there will be a fair share of issues that will likely present themselves over the course of the next 12 months. In order to deal with them effectively, I will need the advice and counsel not only of the Board but, also, of the membership at large. So, I invite each of you to let me know what's on your mind, whether it be issues facing the Club or the larger universe of DX activities.

Your Board and I will do our best to be as responsive as possible.

An important reminder to all members: The deadline for submission of nominations for DXer of the year is 3/15/2007. Get your nominations in as soon as possible to Secretary Steve. Also, for those of you who joined the Club in 2007, think about submitting your application for the Clipperton award. Details regarding eligibility and An important reminder to all members: The deadline for submission of nominations for DXer of the year is 3/15/2007. Get your nominations in as soon as possible to Secretary Steve. Also, for those of you who joined the Club in 2007, think about submitting your application for the Clipperton award. Details regarding eligibility and requirements are on the club website,

<http://www.scdxc.org>

The same deadline applies for the Clipperton award, 3/15/2007. The awards will be presented at the International DX Convention in Visalia in April.

Finally, let me ask the assistance of each member of the Club in providing ideas for future programs. If you know folks—or if you, yourself—can do a presentation, we need to know about it. Providing high quality, interesting programs, consistently, month after month, is not an easy task, and it can really only be accomplished as a group effort. So please step up and help your Board to maintain the high quality we have all come to expect at our monthly gatherings.

It's not a job that one person can do alone.

73 and see you at the next meeting. JW, K6JW

AND THE VEEP

FROM SHARON – VEEP (Very Enthusiastic, Expressive Person)



The January 2007 meeting started the new year off with the election of your new board members, and a great presentation by our ARRL Director and club member, Dick Norton.

I am honored to have been elected vice president of this prestigious and renowned DX club. I accept this position with excitement and enthusiasm. And I pledge to carry on the tradition of outstanding leadership.

Now, it is time to get to work. I look forward to our first board meeting where we will set the pace and direction for this next year. Not having the responsibility of planning the Visalia annual convention this year will give us more time to focus on other issues, yet always alert to our hosting next year's convention. Past year's successful picnics will only require a redo. Our year-end banquet is already locked in, and we can look forward to more of the same at the Orange Hill Restaurant.

Regarding monthly programs, I have some in mind. But, I am always receptive to ideas and input from you. Just give me a call or email.

88's, Sharon, K6IRD

AND WHO CONFIRMED 100 ON 80???

come to the meeting and find out

DON'T FORGET VISALIA APR 27-29

<http://www.dxconvention.org>



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YOUR LEADERS FOR 2007

HOT QRP Fun in Palm Desert!

*by Dan Dankert N6PEQ
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Willie N8WP, Cheryl KG6KTT, Kristin K6PEQ & Dan N6PEQ spent the weekend of September 30th at the J.W. Marriott Villas in Palm Desert, CA. This was a good chance to relax, and release the built-up stress from the day-to-day life of Orange County. Willie had the great idea of taking along a QRP rig to test out the band conditions from the desert location.

Palm Desert is located about 100 miles from Orange County, 15 miles east of Palm Springs, and is located along highway 111. Although the area is surrounded by tall mountain peaks, we should still be able to work a few stations, right? This area of California is known for famous celebrities, great restaurants, fun shopping, hot weather and if we're lucky, maybe a few HF QSO's!

After a short drive out to our vacation location, we were pleased to discover that our villa was on a nice and wide golf course. Plenty of room to string out a few radials for a small vertical antenna!





We installed the Super Antennas MP-1 vertical on the grass. The radials used were three of the N6PEQ Communications model "6/40+30". This model radial system is specifically optimized for all ham bands from 6 meters thru 40 meters.

Our station consisted of a Yaesu FT-817 transceiver with microphone, a Vibroplex Code Warrior Jr CW paddle, an Icom IC-91AD VHF/UHF HT, 9913 Coaxial cable and a Kuranishi Model BR-210 SWR analyzer.

The Kuranishi BR-210 made it a snap to tune the MP-1 vertical to the correct frequency. The entire antenna system and radio station took 5 to 10 minutes to install. An easy setup that is just perfect for a quick weekend getaway.

Now for the important stuff..... Did we make any QSO's?!?!? Yes, we did! In between having a few great meals, soaking in the sun and seeing Al Jarreau, 20, 30 & 40 meters managed to provide contacts from as far away as British Columbia, Argentina, and Florida. Band conditions seemed good, as signals boomed in quite nicely. We received reports as strong as a 589 in Seattle with the little over 2 watts generated by the FT-817. Not too shabby for a quick and easy getup.

But this wasn't the only DX that "propagated" itself towards us. While Willie was operating the "Command Center" (shown to the right) of a restroom in a restaurant in Cabazon, CA, he conjured up an interested eyeball QSO. Do you notice anything peculiar in this picture other than the ASCII?



The zoomed in photo to the left shows that Willie spotted some amateur radio graffiti. We see that apparently someone had used the bathroom stall wall as a "log", or K9LA previously operated from this location at an earlier time. Hopefully band conditions were not as crappy for K9LA, as they were for N8WP on this day, while working the pileups!



Not only were the HF band conditions hot for us, but the temperature was too! While cruising around in Willie & Cheryl's convertible, we survived a thermal peak of 115 degrees. Fortunately luck was on our side, as it was a "dry heat". So what do you do in the middle of the desert when you're roasting, you ask? You take pictures of crazy hams with dinosaurs, what else?!?! Willie rescued Cheryl from the jaws of Tyrannosaurus Rex above, and then attempted to teach the over-grown lizard a lesson by proceeding to remove one of its molars.



Dan then freed Kristin from the same sneaky T-Rex, by using his trusty snake-a-saurus as a giant lasso! Guess all those years of stringing dipoles from tall trees finally paid off. The T-Rex was not too happy, and stomped off with a "tude"

So the next time you are thinking of embarking on a getaway for a few days, don't forget your radio! Nowadays, a simple radio and antenna system can easily fit in a suitcase or a small Pelican case. It can be as basic or elaborate as you wish. QRP on HF is a blast even with the sunspots at a minimum. Just sit back, relax, sip your favorite drink and enjoy the wonderful hobby that is amateur radio. Catch you on the bands!



**DO NOT FORGET TO NOMINATE
YOUR DX ER OF THE YEAR.
SEND IN YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS
GET ALL THE INFO**

<http://www.scdxc.org> click on **QST PAGE**

**AND DO NOT FORGET TO APPLY FOR
THE CLIPPERTON AWARD**

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AND THE SECRETARY/EDITOR SAYS



Been a great year for the club and the newsletter. Got some nice letters and got some good news to pass along. I have had my time though. A newbie and then program learning with a PC then a total loss and renewal and learning on a MAC. (definitely still in progress) Seems like I wasn't liked by my computer for a while. I have been playing with new formats and such, so give some help you computer whizzes. Anything you can pass along would be appreciated. It doesn't have to be funny. Harvey w8dx says if it's really long at least it should be a little funny.

I have to congratulate the out going officers for their ability to hold us together when we fumbled over a few things, and congratulate the newly elected officers for their promise of bigger and better things. See how that slipped in.

The next year ought to produce some good DX but maybe not as many new ones to work on. I missed a few but not to worry I will get em someday Surely am sorry thou for the loss of CW in our licensing. I wasn't much of a operator but I still feel like we lost a need and a great friend. I hope the league continues to accept CW QSL's and not forget it because it's deleted from the licensing requirement. The way band changing has been going on I wonder. I heard that the President recently congratulated the Amateurs of the world for their ability to communicate during emergency and other times. That was nice. Maybe he should be on the commission.

Seems like when you start to write an article you have a bunch of ideas, then when you start to write your brain goes to sleep. I guess that my senior moments are playing games again so I will close this article and wish all the new officers great success in the coming year and great programs to feed the appetite for GREAT DX.

So in closing I must thank Dan, Harvey L, Don, Urban, Harvey S, Jim Zimm, Jim S, Rich, Gary and a score more for their help last year. Yikes, it sounds like the OSCARS.

FROM THE HILLS UP NORTH

You Know You're a Ham if :

you buy electrical black tape in ten packs.
you've stripped wire with your teeth.
you've told your son that, "One day, all this will be yours", and he doesn't respond.
you'd rather help a buddy put up a new tower than mow the lawn.
you've grabbed the wrong end of a soldering iron.
you start giving out RST reports when you are on the telephone.
the propagation forecast means far more to you than the local weather forecast.
the microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it.
you tell the XYL, when she notices a new rig in the shack, why that has been there for years.
your watch is set only to UTC.
at night, when you pray, it starts off something like: CQ CQ CQ GOD DE (your callsign).
you ever had to patch your roof after an antenna project.
Ham radio magazines comprise more than 50% of your bathroom library.
you ever put a GPS tracker in the XYL's car, just so you could watch her on APRS.
you and the XYL took a cruise so you could visit the radio room.
you ever tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham.
you ever had an antenna fall down.
your teenager refuses to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine.
you know the Latitude and Longitude of your home QTH.
you go into the local Radio Shack store and the clerk asks you where something is.

73 de Gary WB6PSY

SCDXC member since 1979



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